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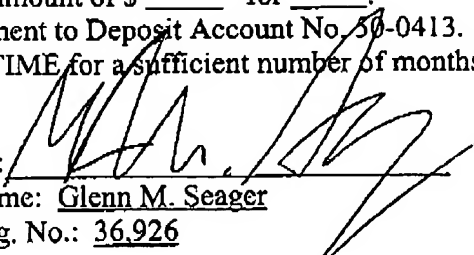
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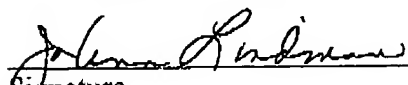
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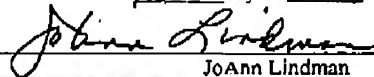
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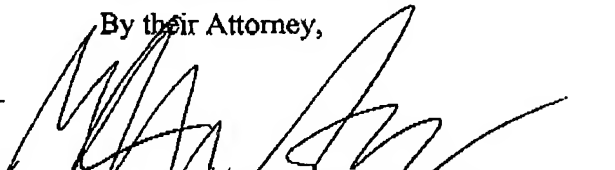
U.S. Patent No. 6,663,652, a member of the same patent family of the above-captioned application has been asserted against an infringer in the U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota. The lawsuit is captioned: SciMed Life Systems, Inc., et al. v. Guidant Corp., et al., Court File No. 04-4962 JNE/JGL.

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